Recommendations of Law Commission

1440. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Law Commission has *inter-alia* suggested the setting up of a National Judicial Council; and

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the major recommendations made by the Law Commission recently and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Law Commission was requested to examine the question of National Judicial Council. Law Commission has submitted its 195th Report on the subject on "The Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2005", which shall be laid on . the Table of both the Houses of Parliament very soon.

Expansion of registry in Supreme Court

1441. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases filed in the Supreme Court is increasing every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) what is the disposal rate in these years;

(d) whether there is any expansion of .the registry in the SC to deal with the increase in the number of cases; and

(e) when did the last expansion took place?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ). (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the last three years institution are as follows:—

Year	Institution
2003	50,394
2004	58,931
2005	50,540

(c) The following number of cases were disposed of by Supreme Court in the last three years:

Year	Disposal
2003	47,979
2004	55,530
2005	46,210

(d) and (e) despite substantial increase in the number of cases filed, the increase in the number of posts to meet the workload has been kept to the barest minimum and the work has been managed by way of reorganization and suitable deployment of staff within the sanctioned strength. During the last three years only 18 posts in different cadres have been created from time to time to meet the increase work load and to partly set off expenditure on account thereof, a few posts have been kept unfilled/in abeyance.

Collapse of mines at Makrana

1442. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than fifty mines collapsed at marble quarries in Makrana, Rajasthan, during the 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of deaths and injury due to work related accidents in the above mines during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether any action has been initiated based on the above complaints;

(d) if so, whether the Mines Act, 1952 has been implemented in the above mines;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the total number of mines at Makrana and the number of women, men and child workers in the above Mines as on date, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There have been no accidents due to mine collapse. However, fatal and serious accidents in marble mines of Makrana during the last three years is given in the following table:—

Year----------		Fatal		Serious	
No. of accidents		Killed	Injured	No. of accidents	Seriously injured
2003	1	2	0	0	0
2004	3	4	0	0	0
2005	2	2	0	0	0